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HONGKONG, AUGUST 27TH, 1892.

The system on which Government contracts are let in this Colony seems to us to call very strenuously for revision. The general practice is to insert a notice in the Government Gazette calling for tenders, and upon receipt of a few in the time named therein choice is made and the work given out. Now this may seem to the unthinking and uninitiated a reasonable and usual method of dealing with the contracts. But in this light it may appear to one that it is really a most unsatisfactory way of letting the contracts, and has been the cause of enormous loss to the Colony. In the first place very few persons see the Gazette, and the little circle of contractors who make a point of getting it have no doubt arrived at a thorough understanding among themselves as to what rates they shall tender at. Just as in former days the Chinese here made a ring to keep the rest of the opium monopoly down until Government broke up their combination by getting tenders from Singapore, so the building and works contractors must combine to maintain prices. How, otherwise, would it happen that all Government work costs double or more than double what it could be done for by private contractors? The Quarters for the staff at the Government Civil Hospital for instance, which the late Mr. Brown designed, and which cost upwards of \$65,000, could have been built, even with the same expensive materials—granite exterior walls and concrete floors for the verandahs—for \$40,000 at the outside by any architect in the Colony, and in half the time. Similarly the new quarter

for the Superintendent of the Botanic and Aforestation Department, which are by no means extensive, could have been erected for little more than half the sum they cost. If the work had been put up to tender by the local architect it would have been well or better done for \$10,000 or \$12,000, instead of \$20,000 being expended over it.

We believe it is only necessary to point out the way the system works to induce His Excellency the Governor to institute inquiry into the matter. Sir William Robinson has avowed his determination to promote economy in the administration, and it is only fair that his attention should be called to the terrible waste of the public funds which goes on in the letting of contracts. The system of letting them out should be altered. They might still be advertised in the Gazette, but they should also be advertised in the principal Chinese papers, and the local architects should be invited to send in designs and tenders for the public buildings. If no actual contract has been made for the erection of the new Central Market—and it would seem that only the foundations are being proceeded with—then this course might be usefully adopted with that building, and there would be some chance of getting it completed during the Governor's term of office, and at some reasonable outlay. It threatens, at present, to prove as long and as costly a job as the Victoria College, which is a standing monument of the folly of allowing the Survey Department to construct building work which they seem unable to execute except at a most extravagant rate. The Director of Public Works may succeed in keeping the roads, drains, and bridges in a fair state of repair, though even on these a great economy might be exercised both by revising the contracts and insisting on the employment of contractors who could be compelled to use proper material. In Mr. Fawcett's time the concrete roads were made so that they would wear for a reasonable time; now they are no sooner laid or patched than they commence to show signs of disintegration, due to the fact that there is not sufficient lime used. No wonder the contractors grow rich! The macadamised roads, too, though well laid so far as foundation goes, leave much to be desired in surface dressing. The thin layer of sand laid over the granite is quickly washed away, and the road becomes rough and broken. In former days a thick layer of disintegrated granite in a certain stage when it has a strong tendency to bind was used, and the result was a hard firm road neither dusty nor stony. It seems a pity that with abundance of the same material available the same results cannot still be achieved.

"It is understood," says Rutherford, "that notwithstanding her apparent composure, China has made a strong protest to St. Petersburg regarding the advance of the Colony." The protest is made by Mr. Fawcett, and he has not yet been identified. A photograph has been taken of the corps and staff of the Chinese Legation, and it is understood that they will be shown to the Chinese authorities. No protest has been made. A reward of \$20 is offered for identification.

Mr. Justice Goldney has the *Pingang Gazette* here, been offered the Chief Justiceship of the Colony. "We are understand he has accepted the offer." The sum is well over £1,000 a year, the colonel of the corps and staff of the Legation in Hongkong is only 12 days' distance; so that Mr. Goldney is to be congratulated in every sense, on his promotion.

We regret to learn that Capt. Stirling, aide-de-camp to the Executive Governor, met with a violent accident on Thursday afternoon while playing tennis on the sports-ground of the Murray Wharf, the distance from England is only 12 days' steam; the whole reclaimed area is filled in though not quite all raised to the proper level. The work, however, will be a matter of weeks at most.

To those of us readers at a distance a few details of the extent of this section of the Colony may be interesting. It extends from the Murray Wharf on the east to Ima House Street on the west, the thoroughfares will be continued to the new Praya Wall. The total area of the land reclaimed is 468,000 square feet, or roughly 103 acres. The distance from the face of the old sea wall to the face of the new sea wall is 575 feet at the western end and 284 feet at the eastern end.

There were used for reclaiming the land no less than 140,000 cubic yards (170,000 tons) of rubble stone in foundations of sea wall and piers, and 400,000 cubic yards (540,000 tons) of earth, for filling in the ground. The wall has been solidly built of granite with concrete bedding, and the drain, laid on a rubble foundation, which was allowed a long time to settle, is of cut granite. The earth used was nearly all brought from the colony, the small balance being builders rubble brought in by permission of the engineer. The road leading down to Murray Wharf will be continued to the new sea wall. The corner block has been selected as the site for the proposed new building for the Hongkong Club. The road on the western side of the Cricket Ground will be carried straight down to the water and the Cricket Ground itself will be extended and made as nearly square as possible, the road bounding it on the north being made straight and continued through the centre of the reclamation. A new broad street will be made opposite Wardley Street, and will wind, about half way to the new Praya, into a circle, in the centre of which the Jubilee Statue of the Queen will be erected. Until this road has settled sufficiently for building, this portion might be laid down in turf or planted with shrubs. The new street past the sea face of the Bank and City Hall will be widened to 70 feet, and the new Praya will also be wider than the existing one.

The next section of the Praya Reclamation, from Ima House Street to Pottinger Street, will be proceeded with early next year. This will also be a considerable area, but not so great or of such depth as that just completed, which has practically cleared the deepest bay on the front.

THE ALLEGED FATAL ASSAULT  
AT YAUMATI.

Four market porters were charged at the Magistrate yesterday with the murder of Mr. Hastings with assaulting and thereby causing the death of a Chinese at Ho Mu Tin, Yaumati, on the 17th inst.

One of the four defendants was represented by Mr. H. J. Holmes.

The first witness called was Wong Fuk, who deposed he was at Ho Mu Tin on the 17th inst. and the deceased was there with other porters, and he was working on the 17th inst.

We came upon a fellow in English clothes with a few plantations on it. They were not open.

He was not the amateur photographer who was

seen shooting with his camera.

The deceased accidentally stepped upon

one of the amateur photographers who was

also shooting with his camera.

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through his cap, so I not won in fact, you both appeared so contented—I did not like to disturb you," he added dryly.

"Both of us!" she exclaimed, getting crimson. "Edwin! You call that 'dwin'?"

"I don't call Edwin or anything else," said Cuthbert calmly. "Doris, I have a son, and his name is Edwin."

"Not bit to do."

"You."

"Yes, I." She said. "I asked a barbershop owner of mine, and he says I could sue you for libel—I've written it down to remember it—

"You are for libel, and perhaps make a third party to an action for breach of promise of marriage?"

"I have placed at home pencil-notes on an envelope, which is still in her pocket. Catharine looked puzzled.

"Don't you see?" she went on.

"The man in your picture is leaning over me, and Edwin only comes up to my elbow. He is wearing a brown coat, and Edwin always wears grey."

"He has a broad shoulder, and Edwin has a narrow one."

"Edwin is a week past his week point."

"Sometimes the phrases 'those with a strong exterior' is added. The applicants do not understand that they are to be engaged by the famous Pinkertons."

"The name of the advertiser is not inserted, and we are told by the paper that it is a command, and not to be collected in a day or a week."

"In the first place, they advertise for men. They do this in all the cities where they have branches. An advertisement is a building on a city street, for sale, and it is not a building, but a building with an armory. Winchester rifles, revolvers, police clubs and uniforms are stored there, and acceptable applicants are equipped. There is always a hand, kept available for emergencies, a well-drilled corps of from 150 to 200 men. When a man is accepted he is told to bring his gun, and he is given a gun, and is then taken to a future cell. By that name, when a man is made on the Pinkerton for an extra fee, they get the men by sending to the addresses of those who were told that they would get places where vacancies should arise."

"What it costs?"

"Edwin, I have no authority to make any statement. The Pinkertons are a secret society, and do not publish their names or their addresses, except in a few cases, and not to all intents and purposes more than private citizens. The shrewd and learned Messrs. Pinkerton rest on the old common law doctrine of principal and agent, and the right of a man to defend his own property. Legislation has not frightened them, because they know that the public, in this country, are not so easily swayed."

"Poor Edwin," she said, not imperceptively.

"Edwin, we did not think of that. He is a little—well, I think he is a little—

"Of course, it is all rest with you," she said.

"How could you do such a thing?"

"I have told you how I put you in," he answered.

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